

## REED DECLARES NATIONS LEAGUE IS PERIL TO U.S.

Missouri Senator, in Remarkable Oration, Declares Statement That Plan Is Necessary to Keep Country at Peace "Monstrous Falsehood."

### LODGE TO SPEAK ON LEAGUE FRIDAY

Former President Taft and Col. House Came in for Sarcastic References During Speech Which Stirs Reed's Hearers to Unusual Applause.

The League of Nations plan has been across its first big word "Dishonor," declared Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, in a scathing arraignment of the league proposal in the Senate yesterday.

He declared the statement that the league is necessary to keep the United States out of foreign wars to be "a monstrous falsehood."

He showed how in the country's history there had been more than fifty great wars in Europe, and the United States had no part in any of them.

There was no league of nations then, he declared, and there is no necessity for one now. On the contrary, Senator Reed said, formation of the league will force the United States to participate in every war which may embroil the nations of Europe.

Speech Brilliant Effort.

Senator Reed's speech was one of the most brilliant of his career. At times it rose to the heights of majestic eloquence as he drew home-bitter and searching criticism of the league plan.

The strong plea in his speech was that the United States should follow the teachings of Washington, Jefferson and Monroe and keep out of any entangling alliance with European nations. He pleaded for stronger, truer Americanism as against the urgings of the league's advocates.

It was the first attack upon the league proposal by a member of the Democratic side, and for that reason it attracted more than ordinary interest.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts announced at the conclusion of Senator Reed's speech that he will address the Senate next Friday, two days after the dinner at the White House.

Senator Reed held the closest attention of the Senate throughout his address. Almost every member of the Senate was present and two score members of the House occupied seats or stood about the chamber. The galleries were filled to overflowing, hundreds being turned away. Many of those who were unable to gain admittance stood in the upper corridors to which Senator Reed's powerful voice carried.

As the last notes of Senator Reed's speech died away in a supremely eloquent peroration, Senators Thomas, Lodge and Capper.

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### Storm Warnings Sent Out Along the Atlantic

New York, Feb. 22.—Storm warnings from Delaware breakwater to Portland, Maine, were sent out at 10:30 o'clock tonight. Disturbances of a severe character over Southern Lower Michigan and moving rapidly Northeastward, were also reported.

### Soldier Killed in Train Crash.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 22.—Joseph Everback, a private at Camp Greene, Quartermaster's Department, was killed and one civilian injured, when a Southern Railway train struck an automobile at a grade crossing near the camp today.

### FEARS FOR LIFE OF CLEMENCEAU

Apprehension Regarding "Tiger's" Condition in Official Circles.

Paris, Feb. 22.—Some apprehension was expressed in official circles tonight regarding Premier Clemenceau's condition, despite assurance of his physicians that he is "making satisfactory progress."

The premier's coughing had become more frequent and had increased in intensity. It was learned, he was forbidden to talk today or to receive visitors. Although no fever had developed in the vicinity of the wound, his temperature had increased two degrees to 98.4.

The increased temperature was believed to have been the result of Clemenceau's exertions yesterday, when he received and conversed with nearly two score visitors. He was fully dressed, ate heartily and spent some time walking about his garden. He assured Lord Derby of the British mission that he would be able to resume his official duties surely by Tuesday. Last night he did not go to bed, but spent the night in an armchair. His sleep was said to have been troubled.

## Great Meeting In New York City To Protest Plan

A great mass meeting in New York City, at which two Democratic Senators and one Republican who are opposed to the league of nations plan will be heard, is being arranged, it became known here today. The speakers will be Senator Borah, of Idaho, Republican, and Senators Reed, of Missouri, and Thomas, of Colorado, Democrats.

It is understood that the meeting is to be held shortly after adjournment of Congress March 4. The three Senators named have accepted invitations to speak.

## REDS ORDER 60,000 SLAIN

Berlin Report Says They Must Dig Own Graves.

London, Feb. 22.—Sixty thousand strikers at Petrograd and Moscow have been massed by the Bolshevik authorities for execution, says a Berlin dispatch.

The condemned men are put to digging their own graves after being marched through the streets with bands playing.

Shooting of nine government officials during the Russian Revolution diet yesterday, which followed assassination of Premier Eisner, apparently was the signal for the uprising in Munich. A few hours later the city was in the hands of the radicals. Government troops offered only feeble resistance. Business became paralyzed. Civilians began an exodus from the city.

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## Wilson Confident Nation Will Support League Plan

President Believes Americans Will Indorse Covenant When They Realize It Really Will Prevent War.

Aboard the U. S. S. George Washington, Feb. 22.—George Washington's birthday was observed in an elaborate manner on this vessel bearing the name of the "Father of His Country" carrying the Presidential party homeward from France.

Promptly at noon a Presidential salute was fired. There was a morning and afternoon program of sports participated in by the crew.

Today's trip is being made through placid waters and on scheduled time. The President is fully rested and ready to commence the strenuous labors of winding up Congressional affairs.

It is now certain the President will land in Boston harbor at the scheduled hour Monday morning.

Mr. Wilson again emphasized today that in the speech at his arrival at Boston he will not discuss the big subjects of the peace conference, saying this being reserved for presentation to the members of the Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committee after his arrival in Washington.

It is understood his position is that many of the members of Congress are now discussing the league project and to Peace Conference work in general without knowing all the facts, but that when the people at large realize that the plan adopted by the commission absolutely will prevent future wars they will enthusiastically approve it.

Recalls of the present position of certain men in the Senate, the President, it is known, depends upon public opinion in the United States eventually to force a confirmation of a league of nations plan.

Protest Against National Prohibition To Be Made to Wilson

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## DAVIS PRAISES PLAN OF LEAGUE

Ambassador, Also Takes Dig at Embargo in Speech in London.

London, Feb. 22.—Ambassador Davis, guest of honor at the Washington Birthday dinner of the English Speaking Union, in the Criterion Restaurant, tonight, after paying high tribute to the first American President, touched upon two of the most important Anglo-American questions—trade relations and the league of nations.

"All statesmen must realize that commerce is one of the greatest incentives to peace," said Davis. "Nothing will more surely tend to destroy amity and concord among nations than discriminating or oppressive restrictions on commercial intercourse."

Referring to the league of nations, he said:

"Whether we will it or not, we are on the threshold of a new international order. It has been proven, at a frightful cost of blood and treasure, that the world will never permit any single power or combination of powers to exercise dominion over it."

Winston Churchill, secretary of state for war, presided at the dinner. Among the other speakers were Cecil Harmsworth, undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, and American Consul General Skinner.

Allotments to Resume For Soldiers' Relatives

The Senate last night passed a bill directing the War and Navy departments to resume payments of allotments to the families of enlisted men where such payments were discontinued on July 1, 1918.

The Bureau of War Risk Insurance on that date discontinued allotments on that date discontinued where the men had not made certain allowances provided for by the law.

## MICHIGAN SETS UP SOVIET REGIME; REVOLT GROWS

Bavarian Government Is Overthrown Following Assassinations.

REDS WIN IN BATTLES  
Spartan Concentrate Efforts in Industrial Regions of Germany.

Geneva, Feb. 22.—Hundreds of casualties resulted from a series of street battles between the police and mobs at Budapest today.

London, Feb. 22.—Germany was in the throes of another revolution to-night.

The Spartans, unlike in their recent unsuccessful revolt, which centered in Berlin, were concentrating their efforts in the industrial regions, particularly the Rhine and Ruhr districts. Sanguinary fighting was reported at several points, with the Spartans apparently winning a majority of the battles.

The Bavarian government has been completely overthrown, according to dispatches from various sources. A soviet government was said to have been proclaimed in Munich by the workmen's and soldiers' executive council. The three socialist parties formed a coalition to administer the "proletariat dictatorship."

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## ENVOYS RUSHING PLANS OF PEACE

Separate Pacts to Be Made with Germany and Her Three Allies.

Paris, Feb. 22.—Peace with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey will be taken up separately, to enable speedier accomplishment of the various pacts, it was announced tonight.

The next step in conclusion of international armistice terms, will be submission of the terms soon after President Wilson's return to Paris. Under the changed program, the armistice will continue automatically, as it provides for an indefinite period.

Military, reparations, boundary and economic terms then will be presented to the Germans simultaneously, and after establishment of a military peace as at first planned.

The supreme war council is expected to take up Monday additional terms, which will be the most severe of any yet imposed on the enemy, and which will actually constitute part of the conditions on which the preliminary peace with Germany will be effected. These are expected to include dismantling of the Kiel Canal and Heligoland fortifications, and probably the forts along the Rhine, and reduction of the German fleet and fling of the maximum of the German army at possibly twenty-five divisions, or even lower.

## Americans Staking All On League of Nations At Peace Conference

William Allen White Declares U. S. Envoys Have Pushed That Single Idea Ahead of Everything Else, and, "with Cunning of Yankee Horse-traders," They Have Swapped Off Their Very Breeches, Politically, for Right to Launch the World in the Great Peace Adventure.

By WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE.  
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Paris, January 29.—Peace with a league of nations seems impossible before late summer or early autumn. The machinery of peace has no self-starter. For two months, during most of December and through all of January, it was necessary to confine the attempts to start the conference to more or less secret discussions. Of course, in Paris one knew to a moral certainty what was going forward in these secret gatherings.

Yet it was all subject to amendment and debate, so that publication for the most part of the news of the palaver between Clemenceau and House, or between President Wilson and Lloyd George, for instance, or between Sonnino and Clemenceau might be discredited by the events in another conference. Everything had to remain more or less in flux during the first six weeks of the discussion. Little could be settled.

The Americans have tried sincerely to get the will to form a league of nations admitted as one of the first essentials of the conference. They have pushed that ahead of everything. They have made that will to unite the world in a league of nations paramount to everything before the conference. And with all the cunning of Yankee horse traders they have swapped off their very breeches, politically, for that idea—for the right to launch the world in the great peace adventure.

League Paramount Aim.

Doubleless Col. House, more than either of his fellow commissioners, has felt the value of the economic basis for the league, rather than the political basis. And scores of men who have talked with Gen. Bliss report that his hobby has been progressive disarmament.

Mr. Lansing has seen the league from its political end, a counter, rather than an economic clearing house, and Henry White has seen more clearly the diplomatic end. But the American commission has been steadfast in a most intelligent endeavor to promote the welfare of the league of nations, and about all that was done for weeks, so far as our delegates are concerned, is to persuade the diplomats of the world of the tremendous sincerity of the Americans for this enterprise of peace.

And in this promotion scheme the world has seen a rather new America. Europe is old and cyni-

cal. Europe said, "Oh, yes, America's entrance into the war was all very fine; that was for the grandstand. But wait—wait for the curtain to fall; observe America behind the scenes grabbing dollars, and you will see the real America."

Our opportunity came. We have had a multitude of opportunities to trade with France; to trade our hearts' desire in the peace pact for advantageous settlements in the myriad transactions which have come up between France and America during the period between our military entrance into Europe and the withdrawal of our army. And in every instance we have yielded the material thing for the ideal; we have foregone what we regarded as just and equitable settlements in scores of cases that we might convince France and the allies of our entire earnestness and

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## \$2,000,000 Liquor Bill; Bone Dry Law Near

With Prospect of Drought in 48 Hours, Thirsty Washingtonians Swamp Baltimore Liquor Dealers; Trains Crowded.

Washington will become a bone-dry city within forty-eight hours, its cellars and homes stocked with Baltimore liquor valued at over \$2,000,000. This was the conservative estimate placed on the amount that has been expended by Washingtonians for booze within the last ten days. Yesterday's business alone was placed at well over \$250,000, and a record-breaking sale is anticipated tomorrow.

Wholesale Houses Swamped.

It is Washington's farewell to John Barleycorn and the last-minute rush of thirty pilgrims intent upon laying in a supply completely swamped the wholesale houses yesterday.

Railroad officials estimated last night that the number of travelers Baltimore-bound exceeded by 10,000 the number carried on a normal Saturday.

There were no particular booze specials on the W. & A. Every train bound for Washington beginning in the early afternoon carried more than its quota of passengers and practically every passenger was loaded with bottles and other containers of bottled goods.

Besides those who journeyed to the Monumental City, the dealers were snowed under with an avalanche of mail orders, and the automobile traffic over the Baltimore pike was the heaviest that thoroughfare has witnessed since Washingtonians laid in their Christmas supply.

A sale of one quart was a rare exception and those securing this limited supply were at once set down as residents of Baltimore. Washingtonians wanted and got their liquor by the case and barrel.

No Boost in Prices.

There was no increase in the price of liquor in spite of the abnormal demand. In some instances purchasers found that certain stores were offering cut prices in quantity amounts. The average price secured for whiskey was \$2 per case of twelve bottles. This same liquor has been bringing bootleggers \$9 per case when dispensed in Washington, but the edict has gone forth that the bootleg price will advance to \$8 a quart with the added responsibility of evading the bone dry law.

Despite the heavy traffic, the police encountered very little trouble. A detail of policemen was assigned to the W. & A. station in Baltimore to preserve order and facilitate the handling of the crowds boarding the trains. They found very few noticeable people on the train and let the Washington police handle them.

Since the President is expected to sign the revenue bill with its rider making Washington bone dry immediately upon his arrival in Boston tomorrow night, February 24, is expected to sound the death knell of John Barleycorn in this city. Tomorrow will be the last time to get under the wire and 6 p. m. is the closing hour for the Baltimore wholesale houses. They are counting upon a record-breaking business.

Description of House.

The floors, both first and second, are to be laid with oak flooring, 2 1/4 inch face; the porch floor to be No. 1 North Carolina pine; the living and dining room to be finished in brown ash; the doors throughout to be of birch; exterior finish, siding to be No. 1 California red cedar; all frames and sash to be white pine; roof to be asphaltum slate finish shingles.

It will include six rooms with a large sleeping porch and a large bath room, finished with a tile floor and 3 foot 6 inches high on the sides; the house to be heated by a one-pipe furnace; cellar under the

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## AMERICA URGED TO AID IRELAND IN BIG MEETING

5,000 Friends of Erin Are Stirred by Eloquent Pleas for Freedom.

CARDINAL WILL SPEAK  
President of De Pau University Arouses Great Outburst.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—More than 5,000 enthusiastic friends of Irish freedom, meeting in the Second Regiment Armory this afternoon for the first general session of the two-day convention, turned the affair into a jubilee when speaker after speaker declared the time has come to make demands upon the Peace Conference.

The convention was started this morning in the armory with prayer by Archbishop Dougherty, followed by business sessions, and will close tomorrow with afternoon and evening mass meetings in the Academy of Music, Schubert and Corset theaters. Cardinal Gibbons will be principal speaker at the Academy.

Every foot of the huge armory was jammed when the session was opened this afternoon. Irish pipers, clad in their native costumes, marched about the great building playing national airs.

From the start the delegates, who come from every part of the United States, showed that they agreed with the speakers who asserted that if Ireland makes demands instead of Ireland's voice will be heard in the conference.

Recite Wrongs of Erin.

Leader after leader of the Irish cause in this country recited the ancient wrongs of Ireland and denounced her oppressors. It was asserted that the movement to block the demand for Irish freedom in this country is widespread and insidious, and

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## Clark, Hailed as Next President, Is "Willin'"

Speaker Defends President for Trip Abroad and Declares Him Great at Southern Society Dinner.

"Barkis is willin'." So said Champ Clark, speaker of the House of Representatives, when introduced as "our next president" at the Southern Society dinner, in the Willard ball-room last night.

Clarence J. Owens, president of the Southern Society and toastmaster for the evening, introduced the speaker as the logical candidate for the Democratic ticket in the next Presidential race, and Speaker Clark, in reply to the introduction and enthusiastic applause, took refuge in the famous quotation from Dickens' "No. 66."

In his address, Mr. Clark paid high tribute to the ability and patriotism of President Wilson, declaring that in his opinion the President was the foremost citizen of his time, even as Washington had taken first place in his day.

Defends Wilson's Trip.

The speaker defended the President's trip to Europe on the grounds that a man had as much right to go to France as he had "to Baltimore," and that both Presidents Taft and Roosevelt had left the United States in going to Panama.

"The greatest thing for America in this generation," he declared, "has been her political influence abroad. And by that I do not mean either Democrat or Republican, for politics as such should stop at the low-water mark."

Speaker Clark stated that he believed future generations would look back on the days of 1919 and mourn that the great men all had died before their time.

## ALLIES PRAISE FIRST PATRIOT

French and Italian Officers Speak at Banquet of Patriotic Society.

Representatives of the allied nations paid tribute to George Washington at the annual dinner of the Order of Washington at the Lafayette last night.

General L. Collardet, military attaché of the French embassy, told how the aid given Washington in the crucial moment of the revolutionary war had engendered a friendship that had been made everlasting by American reciprocity in the world war.

Lt. Fabio Frassetto of the Italian embassy, Colonel A. L. Pendleton, U. S. A., and Lieutenant John Donahoe, U. S. A., gave a glowing account of the achievements of the allied armies in the world war.

Colonel Robert H. C. Kelton gave an illustrated lecture upon America's part in the war. Admiral Charles H. Stockton presided.

\$25,000 for Camp Greene.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 22.—Twenty-one hundred acres, the site of Camp Greene, with all improvements, representing a cost to the government of \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000, has been taken over by a local stock company for \$25,000.

The electrical equipment alone is said to have cost the government \$500,000. The new owners guarantee the government against all indebtedness.

## Two Lambs Born At White House On Natal Day

Mishiwaka, Mrs. Wilson's prize White House sheep, who patriotically supplied wool during the war, yesterday patriotically supplied two new lambs to the White House fold on the birthday of George Washington.

N. Perkins, White House usher, found the new lambs when he visited the sheep shed on the White Lot yesterday. Because of his knowledge of sheep Mr. Parkinson has been in charge of the Wilson flock.

The mother sheep and the two lambs were immediately ushered to the White House where they were comfortably installed in the room next to the boquet room in the executive offices. All three are doing well. The two lambs were immediately christened George and Martha—they were that kind of sheep.

S. Glenn Young Reinstated In U. S. Secret Service

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 22.—Reinstated after being summarily dismissed from the service on a technicality, S. Glenn Young, special agent of Department of Justice, who has gained national fame as result of his work, returned here this afternoon and opened his office.

He stated that he would continue his work here of rounding up deserters from the military service. He arrested or caused the surrender of over 300 since last November.

Senator-Elect Capper Hunts Washington Home

Senator-elect Arthur Capper, Kansas, is in Washington looking for a home for the next six years.

He came from Miami, Fla., where he has been residing since he turned the Kansas governorship over to Henry Allen.

Near Sea of Trouble.

"We are drifting tremendously close to a course that may involve us in foreign troubles and set at naught the principles which have kept peace and progress within our shores. Unless some scheme is offered less dangerous in its possibilities for entanglement, I should feel constrained to expose it."

"With all our strength, integrity and power, I question our ability to spread our influence over countries that have not the first conception of self-government."

Former Speaker Cannon declared he was an optimist upon the future of America. "We have our problems, but they are not serious," he said, "but what shall we say of the difficulties that confronted Washington and Lincoln, were they any the less?" he said.

He gave us the men and the strength to meet these problems. God bless the boys who went out in our last emergency with the spirit to preserve the precious heritage handed down to us by our forefathers. They shall continue to resist to protect and preserve the precious rights guaranteed to every man under our glorious constitution—that of living his life and earning his livelihood in such manner as he may elect in the country of his birth."

Speaks on Americanism.

Rev. James S. Montgomery, chaplain of the grand commodore, spoke upon "Americanism" and other addresses were made by Paul Grand Master James W. Witten, Rev. John Wesley and East Master Mark E. Kahn.

Mrs. Laramore, Miss Ruth Sprickman, Arthur W. Jett and John C. Gaither furnished a musical program. Miss Helen Jeffries accompanied.

The committee on arrangements comprised Leonard P. Stuart, Harry E. Huntsberger, George F. Hoover, Harry Lansburgh, Frank H. Miller, James S. Montgomery, Howard E. Foley and Jason Waterman.

## SIXTY REPORTED DEAD IN WRECK

Engine Sideswipes B. & O. Passenger Train Near Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 22.—Nearly sixty persons are reported killed as a result of a switching engine sideswiping the Chicago train on the Baltimore and Ohio near Second and Greenfield avenues, overturning three passenger cars. The passenger train was on siding at the time for a locomotive when the switching engine, running at full speed struck it. The bodies are being brought to the morgue here.

The crowded coaches were ripped open by the impact and several passengers were hurled over a fifteen-foot embankment. Panic ensued among the living passengers as they were hurled from their seats by the force of the collision. Lights were extinguished and the survivors struggled to free themselves from the ambulances from a number of hoisted splintered cars.

Aid was rushed to the scene and pits were summoned. "Ries of the victims attracted a great crowd. Police reserves were called and established lines about the scene of the wreck. Physicians, summoned from every hospital in the city, gave first aid to the injured.

The first body removed from the wreckage, brought to the Allegheny County morgue in a police patrol wagon, was that of an unidentified man. The body was crushed beyond recognition.

Patti Critically Ill At Her Home in Wales

New York, Feb. 22.—Mme. Adeline Patti, also known as Baroness Cedarsdorn, the world-famous prima donna, is critically ill at her home in Wales, according to a special cable to the Morning Telegraph, received here tonight.

Physicians, the cable says, hold out little hope for her recovery.

## KEEP HANDS OFF FOREIGN PACTS, SAYS TOWNSEND

Nation Must Adhere to Washington's Policies, He Tells Masons.

SAFE AND SANE METHOD  
'Uncle Joe' Cannon Speaks Along Same Lines at Annual Banquet.

Counseling close adherence to the policies set down by Washington in his farewell address to Congress to avoid entangling alliances with foreign nations, Senator Townsend, of Michigan, speaking at the anniversary banquet of Washington Centennial Lodge, F. A. A. M., in New Masonic Temple last night voiced his opposition to any course that would involve the nation in European politics.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, former speaker of the House, also advised fealty and respect for the